

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

**The Minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System
Including the Jordan River and its Tributaries**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Building, Conference Room #214, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, January 5, 1999. The meeting began at 10:15 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Bill Marcovecchio
Dale Bateman
John Newman
Jeff Niermeyer
Larry M. Trimble
Reed Mackay
DeLoy Osborne

East Jordan Irrigation Company
South Jordan Canal
Utah and Salt Lake Canal
Salt Lake City Corporation
Kennecott Utah Copper
South Jordan Canal Company
Galena Ditch Company

Those members excused are:
Keith L. Hansen

North Jordan Canal Company

Those present without voting powers are:

Lee Sim
David B. Gardner
Jim Riley
John Larsen
Gertrudys Adkins

Division of Water Rights
Commissioner
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It was determined, by canvass of those present, that there was an adequate, qualified representation to form a legal quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Sim introduced himself and the other representatives from the Division of Water Rights to the members present and indicated he would be conducting the meeting.

Mr. Sim then indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for the water users. A motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Mr. Marcovecchio be elected as Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then turned the meeting over to Mr. Marcovecchio for the balance of the agenda.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 1998. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that these minutes be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. Mr. Sim first indicated that the Financial Report was a 'Draft Only,' due to the fact that the exact amount of money shown in the trust fund was an estimate only. He indicated that this would be corrected and a new statement mailed to all users. He also indicated that there were two delinquent accounts, one being Account #5C AMI Associates in the amount of \$33.62 and Account #9 Salt Lake City Corporation in the amount of \$19,490.45. At this point Mr. Niermeyer had no explanation as to why this account was delinquent, but he would bring it current this afternoon. Mr. Gardner also said that he knew Harvey Hansen and would see that this was paid. A motion was then made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Mackay, that the financial report be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed budget for 1999. Mr. Sim then went over the line items of the budget that was expended in 1998. After some discussion with the members present, a motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that a budget of \$120,075.00 be adopted with an assessment of \$115,000.00 be set for assessment purposes. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read his 1999 Commissioner's Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The water year for the Utah Lake & Jordan River Distribution System was a year of little or no hitches. The Lake elevation on January 1, 1998, was a -0.04 feet below compromise and continued to rise until it peaked on June 25, 1998, at a +0.50 feet above compromise. With this scenario, it meant that our pumps at the Lehi station were never turned on and we fulfilled all of our irrigation needs by gravity flow. At the end of the irrigation season, October 15, 1998, the Lake was exactly at

compromise. Again, the Lake began to rise and as of January 1, 1999, the Lake was at +0.37. On October 27, 1998, all the outlet gates at the Lake were open and the discharge through the Turner Dam was approximately 900 c.f.s.

I received information on January 4, 1999 from Stan Roberts, Commissioner on the Provo River, that the capacity of the Jordanelle Reservoir was 273,113 Acre Feet (full at 314,000) and Deer Creek Reservoir was 123,159 Acre Feet (full at 152,564). Combining both amounts to fill represents only 70,300 Acre Feet. In both of these cases, the knowing parties are assured that both reservoirs will fill and spill. This means that Utah Lake will surely continue to fill. Therefore, it is my belief that the irrigation system will be run by gravity flow. Unless we have an extremely wet year, I see no eminent danger of any flooding at our Lehi Pump Station.

On April 1, 1999, Jack Rindlisbach, my deputy commissioner at the Jordan Narrows is retiring and the Board of Canal Presidents have tentatively chosen his son, Kirk Rindlisbach, to take his place. This action was taken after interviews with Kirk and other applicants and I strongly recommend that the State Engineer accept this gentleman for this position. Kirk has been involved when with running the operation when Jack has been on leave and, of course, he lived there his entire life until he married and moved away. Jack has also indicated he is more than willing to take what time is necessary to fully train Kirk in this position.

A motion was then made by Mr. Neirmeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that the Commissioner's Report be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated that the next order of business was the selection of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Water Commissioners be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1999 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Mr. Gardner be appointed as Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner for the period from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999, to use that portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an Annual Report of said Distribution System; also that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach, Mr. Kirk Rindlisbach, Mr. Perry Smith and Mr. Greg Lewis be recommended as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for that same period of time. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Marcovecchio also suggested that all members of the District be part of the Committee and by majority rule any business could be transacted for the District. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Newman, that this procedure be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim if the stock that had been issued to the State Engineer had been sold. Mr. Sim said that it had. At this time, Mr. Larsen gave each member a letter directed to the State Engineer concerning the possibility of obtaining grant money from the Bureau of Reclamation. He said that this would be an ideal proposal for our distribution system, but may also work for each individual canal company. Mr. Gardner indicated he would make contact with the Bureau to obtain the necessary papers for these grants.

Mr. Marcovecchio then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Sim at which time he asked if there were any other business to come before this body. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Bill Marcovecchio, Chairman

David B. Gardner, Secretary